### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

TIMOTHY DOYLE YOUNG, 60012-001	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
V.	§	3:14-CV-0420-B-BK
	§	
UNITED STATES,	§	
Defendant.	§	

# FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

On February 3, 2014, Plaintiff, a federal inmate, filed a *pro se Complaint* against the United States. (Doc. 3 at 1). Plaintiff neither paid the filing fee nor sought leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. For the reasons that follow, it is recommended that the case be summarily dismissed as barred by three strikes.

#### I. ANALYSIS

28 U.S.C. § 1915(g), the "three-strike" provision of the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA), precludes a prisoner from bringing a civil action *in forma pauperis* if on three or more prior occasions, while confined as a prisoner, he filed civil actions or appeals in federal court that were dismissed, either by a district court or appellate court, as being frivolous, malicious, or for failing to state a claim. *Jackson v. Johnson*, 475 F.3d 261, 265 (5th Cir. 2007).

This Court previously found Plaintiff was barred by three strikes. *See Young v. Crank*, No. 3:13-CV-0389-G-BK (N.D. Tex., Dallas Div., Mar. 1, 2013) (accepting recommendation of the magistrate judge, collecting prior dismissals for frivolousness, and finding Plaintiff was barred by three strikes). Having accumulated three "strikes," <u>section 1915(g)</u> precludes Plaintiff from proceeding in this action *in forma pauperis* unless he alleges he is in "imminent danger of

serious physical injury" at the time of filing the complaint. *See <u>Banos v. O'Guin*</u>, 144 F.3d 883, 884 (5th Cir. 1998) (*per curiam*). Even when liberally construed, the complaint presents no such claim. *See <u>Carson v. Johnson</u>*, 112 F.3d 818, 822-823 (5th Cir. 1997). Plaintiff complains that the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) and its screening and exhaustion provisions are unconstitutional. (Doc. 3 at 1-2). Plaintiff is thus barred from proceeding *in forma pauperis* under <u>section 1915(g)</u>.

### II. RECOMMENDATION

For the foregoing reasons, it is recommended that, insofar as Plaintiff seeks leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, this action be **DISMISSED** as barred by the three-strike provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Such dismissal is with prejudice to the refiling of an *in forma pauperis* lawsuit raising the same claims as herein presented, but without prejudice to the refiling of this lawsuit with full payment of the \$400.00 filing fee. <sup>1</sup>

**SIGNED** February 5, 2014.

UN**T**ED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of May 1, 2013, a \$50 administrative fee will be assessed in addition to the \$350 filing fee, resulting in a total filing fee of \$400 for a civil action in which the plaintiff has not sought or been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. *See* District Court Miscellaneous Fee Schedule. Where a prisoner plaintiff has been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, only the \$350 filing fee will be deducted from the prisoner's account. *See* id. The \$50 administrative fee will not be deducted. *Id*.

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR SERVICE AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL/OBJECT

A copy of this report and recommendation will be served on all parties in the manner provided by law. Any party who objects to any part of this report and recommendation must file specific written objections within 14 days after being served with a copy. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); FED. R. CIV. P. 72(b). In order to be specific, an objection must identify the specific finding or recommendation to which objection is made, state the basis for the objection, and specify the place in the magistrate judge's report and recommendation where the disputed determination is found. An objection that merely incorporates by reference or refers to the briefing before the magistrate judge is not specific. Failure to file specific written objections will bar the aggrieved party from appealing the factual findings and legal conclusions of the magistrate judge that are accepted or adopted by the district court, except upon grounds of plain error. See Douglass v. United Services Automobile Ass'n, 79 F.3d 1415, 1417 (5th Cir. 1996).

RENEE HARRIS TOLIVER

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE